## Arranging a press briefing for Haiti's Election Minister

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To: Shaun TANDON <Shaun.TANDON@afp.com>

Dear Shaun,

I hope your week is ending on a good note. Apologies for the last minute request, but is there any chance you can arrange a briefing for Haiti's Elections Minister Mathias Pierre next week? He will be in Washington, D.C. for an Embassy event to promote support for the referendum and elections within the diaspora community. He would be available for the press briefing via Zoom on Monday and Tuesday.

Minister Pierre can explain why the referendum is justified. He can also discuss efforts by his office to overcome the challenges of getting ID cards into the hands of 2.5 million voters, especially for those who don't have a birth certificate or other proof of identification (4 million voters already have ID cards); how the Haiti's National Police (not MINUSTAH) will provide security for this election; and consolidating Haiti's 253 political parties.

I'm free to chat with you at anytime this afternoon: 631-335-2909. Thanks in advance for your consideration, Shaun.

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